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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 9-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-8 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is response to Amendment filed on 1/127/2006
Claims 1-4, and 9-12 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4, and 9-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 9-12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lai et al. (U.S.Pub-20030003907) in view of Stenman et al. (U.S.Pat-6223029).

Regarding claim 1, Lai teaches a remote control device (RCD) (fig.1, element 40) comprising:

a second wireless interface for communicating with a mobile phone (fig.1, abstract, paragraph 0030-0031);

a speaker for outputting audio signals received from the mobile phone (abstract, paragraph 0040); a microphone for receiving audio signals to be transmitted to the mobile phone (abstract, paragraph 0040); and

a processor for processing wireless signals communicated between the RCD and the mobile phone (fig.1, abstract, paragraph 0030-0031), wherein the RCD:

receives a signal from the mobile phone in response to the mobile phone receiving a wireless signal from a digital cellular network (DCN) wherein the signal received by the RCD from the mobile phone is a data signal selected from the group consisting of a text data signal, an audio data signal, a video data signal, and any combination thereof (paragraph 0037-0038, 0043-0044).

Lai fails to specifically disclose a first wireless interface for controlling one or more peripheral devices; and transmitting the data signal received from the mobile phone to one of the one or more peripheral devices to be output. However, Stenman teaches a first wireless interface for controlling one or more peripheral devices (col.3, lines 21-41); and transmitting the data signal received from the mobile phone to one of the one or more peripheral devices to be output (abstract, col.2, line 64 to col.3, line 18). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a first wireless interface for controlling one or more peripheral devices; and transmitting the data signal received from the mobile phone to one of the one or more peripheral devices to be output as taught by Stenman with Lai teaching in order to provides a mobile phone have both mobile telephony and remote control functions.

Regarding claim 2, Lai and Stenman further teaches the RCD of claim 1 wherein the signal received by the RCD from the mobile phone is an audio signal used for establishing a telephone call (see Lai, paragraph 0037-0038, 0043-0044).

Regarding claim 3, Lai and Stenman further teaches the RCD of claim 2 wherein processing the received signal from the mobile phone comprises using the RCD to connect to a telephone call received by the mobile phone (see Lai, paragraph 0037-0038, 0043-0044).

Regarding claim 4, Lai and Stenman further teaches the RCD of claim 3 wherein the RCD transmits the audio signal received from the mobile phone to one of the one or more peripheral devices to be audibly output (see Stenman, col.6, line 65 to col.7, line 24).

Regarding claim 9, Lai teaches a remote control device (RCD) communicable with a mobile phone and one or more peripheral devices (abstract), the RCD comprising:

means for controlling the mobile phone (paragraph 0037-0038, 0043-0044) to:

process signals received from the mobile phone, wherein the signal received by the RCD from the mobile phone is a data signal selected from the group consisting of a text data signal, an audio data signal, a video data signal, and any combination thereof (paragraph 0037-0038, 0043-0044); and

output signals received from the mobile phone (paragraph 0037-0038, 0043-0044);

handle an incoming telephone call received by the mobile phone from a digital cellular network (DCN) (paragraph 0037-0038, 0043-0044); and

Lai fails to specifically disclose means for controlling the one or more peripheral devices such that signals received from the mobile phone can be transmitted to the one or more peripheral devices. However, Stenman teaches means for controlling the one or more peripheral devices such that signals received from the mobile phone can be transmitted to the one or more peripheral devices (abstract, col.2, line 64 to col.3, line 18). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use means for controlling the one or more peripheral devices such that signals received from the mobile phone can be transmitted to the one or more peripheral devices as taught by Stenman with Lai teaching in order to provides a mobile phone have both mobile telephony and remote control functions.

Regarding claim 10, Lai and Stenman further teaches the RCD of claim 9 further comprising: processing means for processing signals received from the mobile phone; a speaker for outputting audio signals received from the mobile phone (see Lai, paragraph 0043-0044); and a microphone for inputting audio signals to be sent to the mobile phone (see Lai, paragraph 0037-0038, 0043-0044).

Regarding claim 11, Lai and Stenman further teaches the RCD of claim 10 wherein the remote control device further comprises a user interface to control the

output of data received from the mobile phone (see Lai, paragraph 0037-0038, 0043-0044).

Regarding claim 12, Lai and Stenman further teaches the RCD of claim 11 wherein the remote control device further comprises a video display to display video or text data received from the mobile phone (see Lai, paragraph 0037-0038, 0040-0044).

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khai M. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571.272.7923. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571.272.7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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